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1. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL ZIA AUG 14 AT INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION, ZIA TOLD ME HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TALK WITH ME AFTER MINSTATE AGHA SHAHI ARRIVES BACK IN ISLAMABAD. NEXT DAY I SAW FONSEC SHAHNAWAZ, WHO REITERATED GEN. ZIA'S DESIRE FOR A MEETING, CHIEFLY, I GATHER, TO GO OVER AGHA SHAHI'S DISCUSSIONS WITH UNDERSECY NEWSOM IN NEW YORK AUG 11. SHAHNAWAZ SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME AFTER SHAHI ARRIVES TODAY, TO SET TIME FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH GEN. ZIA IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. I WILL INFORM DEPT WHEN I KNOW THE TIME FOR THE TALK WITH ZIA BUT ADVANCE NOTICE MAY BE VERY SHORT. I WOULD WELCOME ANY GUIDANCE DEPT WANTS TO GIVE, BEYOND WHAT IS ALREADY IN THE RECORD OF NEWSOM'S TALKS AND OTHER MESSAGES. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO GEN. ZIA WILL BE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY, IF ANY, IN CONGRESSIONAL DESIRES FOR GOP STATEMENT RENOUNCING REPROCESSING GOALS. IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER GUIDANCE I WILL STICK TO WHAT NEWSOM SAID ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES.

3. COMMENT: I TAKE IT TO BE A FAVORABLE SIGN THAT ZIA WANTS SUCH
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A DISCUSSION. AT LEAST HE AND OTHERS WILL BE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES POSED BY EXPECTED FRENCH CANCELLATION RATHER THAN INDULGING IN REFLEXIVE RHETORIC.
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